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In Re Applications of:

READING BROADCASTING, INC.

For Renewal of License of
Station WTVE(TV), Channel 51
at Reading, Pennsylvania

and

ADAMS COMMUNICATIONS
CORPORATION

For Construction Permit for a New Television Station to
Operate on Channel 51,
Reading, Pennsylvania

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The parties met, pursuant to the Notice of the Judge, at 9:33 a.m.

BEFORE: HONORABLE RICHARD L. SIPPEL Administrative Law Judge

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1	PROCEEDINGS
2	(9:33 a.m.
3	JUDGE SIPPEL: Mr. Hutton, is Mr. Parker ready to
4	testify?
5	MR. HUTTON: Yes, he is.
6	JUDGE SIPPEL: Let me administer the oath, sir,
7	before you sit down.
8	Whereupon,
9	MICHEAL L. PARKER,
10	having been first duly sworn, was called as a witness and
11	was examined and testified as follows:
12	JUDGE SIPPEL: Please be seated. There is water
13	for you in that jug. Just take the top off before you pour
14	THE WITNESS: Oh, all right.
15	JUDGE SIPPEL: So it doesn't fall into the cup.
16	Does anybody have any preliminary matters before
L7	we proceed with the witness?
L8	Hearing none, Mr. Hutton, your witness.
L9	MR. HUTTON: Thank you, Your Honor.
20	DIRECT EXAMINATION
21	BY MR. HUTTON:
22	Q Mr. Parker, will you identify your name and
23	address for the record.
24	A My name is Micheal, M-I-C-H-E-A-L, L. Parker, and
25	I live at 22720 Southeast 410th Street, in Enumclaw. That's
	Heritage Reporting Corporation (202) 628-4888

- spelled E-N as in "Nancy," U-M as in "Mike," C-L-A-W,
- Washington 98022.
- Q Mr. Parker, do you have in front of you a binder
- 4 entitled "Reading Broadcasting, Inc. Hearing Exhibits Volume
- 5 1"?
- 6 A Yes, I do.
- 7 Q Would you turn to Exhibit 3 in that binder.
- 8 A Yes.
- 9 Q Exhibit 3 is entitled "Past Broadcast Experience."
- 10 It's a three-page document with a one-page supporting
- 11 declaration executed by you?
- 12 A That is correct.
- 13 Q Do you have any changes to make in that
- 14 declaration at this time?
- 15 A No, I do not.
- 16 Q Turning now to Exhibit 4, it's entitled
- 17 "Diversification of Media Outlets." It is a two-page
- document with a one-page supporting declaration.
- Do you have any changes to make in that exhibit?
- 20 A No, I do not.
- 21 Q And turning now to Exhibit 5, which is a
- three-page exhibit, followed by an Appendix A of four pages,
- 23 plus a one-page supporting declaration.
- 24 Do you have any changes to make in that exhibit?
- 25 A No, I do not.

1	MR. HUTTON: Your Honor, we have also prepared an
2	exhibit which outlines the reporting failure that we have
3	been able to document during the license renewal term in
4	question, and I'd like to exchange that at this time and
5	conduct brief direct examination of Mr. Parker in connection
6	with that.
7	JUDGE SIPPEL: Well, that can be marked as an
8	exhibit, a proposed exhibit. Since there is not going to be
9	anything coming in on Brenda Helregel, this would be from
10	my count anyway this would be Reading Exhibit 14 for
11	identification.
12	Does anybody have any problem with that numbering?
13	MR. HUTTON: That's fine.
14	JUDGE SIPPEL: All right, you've withdrawn Brenda
15	Helregel. We'll substitute for 14 Reading Broadcast exhibit
16	entitled "Reporting Failures," consisting of a cover page
17	and two pages of substantive material. That's marked for
18	identification at this time as Reading Exhibit 14.
19	(The document referred to was
20	marked for identification as
21	Reading Exhibit No. 14.)
22	BY MR. HUTTON:
23	Q Mr. Parker, I would like to refer you to the first
24	paragraph of the first page of that exhibit. The heading is
25	"Management Services Agreement."

- 1 A Yes.
- 2 Q Can you describe for me what the Management
- 3 Services Agreement was?
- 4 A Well, it went through a number of renditions.
- 5 Originally, when I came to Reading, Pennsylvania, I
- 6 negotiated with Mr. Linton and Mr. Aurandt an agreement
- 7 whereby I would in effect come in as a workout specialist to
- 8 turn the station around and bring it out of bankruptcy.
- 9 That was the beginning of the agreement.
- 10 We then -- the bank would not authorize that
- 11 agreement at that point, and I believe I entered a
- 12 short-term agreement to put together a plan. Then we
- negotiated, it seems like for years, over what the final
- 14 document would be, and we finally obtained Bankruptcy Court
- 15 approval, and I believe the exact date of that is in the
- 16 record, when we obtained Bankruptcy Court approval. But
- that document had changed a great deal from the beginning to
- 18 that point.
- 19 O And do you know --
- 20 A It was kind of a work in progress, I quess is how
- 21 I want to describe it.
- 22 Q And after you received Bankruptcy Court approval,
- 23 do you know if Reading Broadcasting, Inc. filed that
- 24 agreement with the FCC?
- 25 A At some juncture, it was included somewhere or

- 1 alluded to. I was under the impression it was filed. Now,
- 2 I'm not as sure as I would have been previously.
- 3 Q All right. Turning to the second bullet point in
- 4 that --
- 5 JUDGE SIPPEL: Before you move on to that, do we
- 6 have a beginning point and an ending point, dates, that is,
- 7 for this so-called work in progress?
- 8 MR. HUTTON: Well, our view is that it didn't
- 9 become effective until there was Bankruptcy Court approval,
- and that was obtained August 28, 1990.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: What is the starting date, the
- 12 approximate starting date of this work in progress? I mean,
- this is how he's testified to it. I'd like to try and focus
- on an area -- on a date, a time area, that's right up front,
- 15 if possible.
- 16 MR. HUTTON: All right. We attached as Exhibit D
- to our November 19, 1999 Opposition to Motion to Enlarge
- 18 Issues, a copy of what we think is the initial version of
- that agreement, and it bears a date of May 28, 1989.
- THE WITNESS: That would be correct, because I
- 21 remember I was there during my birthday, which is May 23rd.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: All right. Well, we will consider
- 23 then that this work in progress, this time frame is
- somewhere around May of '89 through August of 1990.
- Is that fair? I should ask that to the witness.

- 1 THE WITNESS: Yes. Yes, Your Honor, it is.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: All right. Go ahead.
- 3 MR. HUTTON: All right.
- 4 BY MR. HUTTON:
- Q And then the -- I'd like you to refer to the
- 6 second bullet point in that paragraph and tell me if what's
- 7 stated there is consistent with your understanding.
- 8 A Yes, I believe that is correct.
- 9 Q Okay. Turning now to the next item, which is
- 10 identified as FCC Form 315, Application for Consent to
- 11 Transfer Control of WTVE(TV) filed November 19, 1991, it
- lists a number of omissions or incorrect statements, and I'd
- like you to go through those and tell me if that is
- 14 consistent with your understanding at this time.
- 15 A That is -- that is my understanding at this time
- 16 after reviewing the records. That is correct.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: Did you personally review them?
- 18 THE WITNESS: Yes, I did, Your Honor.
- 19 BY MR. HUTTON:
- 20 O ***PICK UP PROOFING HERE ON PRIMARY TAPE 1****And
- 21 the next item is FCC Form 323, Post-Transfer Control and
- 22 Annual Ownership Report, filed April 16, 1992, and it
- 23 likewise lists a number of omissions and errors, and I'd
- like you to state whether that's consistent with your
- 25 understanding at this time.

- 1 A Yes, it is.
- 2 Q All right.
- A Again, after reviewing the records, I'm somewhat
- 4 embarrassed that I missed all this.
- 5 Q The next item is entitled "Annual Ownership
- 6 Certification Letter for 1993, "filed April 23, 1993,
- 7 certifying the information reported in the 1992 ownership
- 8 report is accurate. And I'd like to ask if that's
- 9 consistent with your understanding at this time.
- 10 A Yes, that is correct.
- 11 Q And the final item is entitled, "FCC Form 323,
- 12 Annual Ownership Report for 1994," filed March 31, 1994, and
- it indicates that everything is listed correctly, and I
- 14 would like to ask you if that's consistent with your
- 15 understanding at this time.
- 16 A That is. That is correct.
- 17 MR. HUTTON: Your Honor, I would like to move
- 18 Exhibit 14 into evidence.
- 19 JUDGE SIPPEL: Is there any objection?
- 20 MR. BECHTEL: No objection.
- 21 JUDGE SIPPEL: Mr. Shook?
- MR. SHOOK: No, Your Honor.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: What has been marked for
- 24 identification as Reading Exhibit 14 is now received into
- evidence as Reading Exhibit 14.

1	(The document referred to,
2	previously identified as
3	Reading Exhibit No. 14, was
4	received in evidence.)
5	MR. HUTTON: The witness is available for
6	cross-examination.
7	JUDGE SIPPEL: Okay, and according to my
8	according to my accounting sheet for exhibits, all of these
9	exhibits, that you have had them identified, that is, past
10	broadcast experience, diversification and testimony, are now
11	in evidence.
12	All right, you may proceed then, Mr. Bechtel.
13	Your witness, sir.
14	CROSS-EXAMINATION
15	BY MR. BECHTEL:
16	Q Good morning, Mr. Parker.
17	A Good morning.
18	Q At your deposition giving your various political
19	interests, I have some question as to how I should address
20	you, and you agreed it would be Mr. Parker; is that correct?
21	A That is correct.
22	MR. BECHTEL: And I am going to hand to the
23	witness, the Court and counsel an exhibit, Debtor's
24	Disclosure Statement, with a total of ten numbered pages,
25	and ask that it be marked for identification as Adams

1	Exhibit 18.
2	JUDGE SIPPEL: Thank you, sir.
3	Yes, that would be the next Adams exhibit,
4	according to my count, so the reporter will mark this
5	document entitled "Debtor's Disclosure Statement" as Adams
6	Exhibit 18 for identification.
7	(The document referred to was
8	marked for identification as
9	Adams Exhibit No. 18.)
10	BY MR. BECHTEL:
11	Q And I direct your attention to the passages
12	commencing on the second numbered page wherein there is a
13	brief summary of your many accomplishments, sir, including
14	in the second paragraph on your management staff, your years
15	of working with FCC attorneys, engineers, investment bankers
16	and syndicated programmers relative to television broadcast
17	stations.
18	Is that an accurate statement?
19	A Yes.
20	Q And you had the fortune, good or bad, to deal with
21	a number of communications attorneys throughout your
22	A I can show you how to make a quick profit in the
23	TV business if I didn't have to deal with so many FCC
24	attorneys.
25	Q And we have, commencing on numbered page 3, a

- 1 brief summary of Mr. Mattmiller's accomplishments as well
- and we are happy to welcome him to the hearing room this
- 3 morning, do we not?
- 4 A That's correct.
- 5 Q And finally, there is a passage regarding another
- 6 employee of the station, Mr. Bendetti.
- 7 MR. BECHTEL: I move Exhibit 18 in evidence.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: Any objections?
- 9 MR. HUTTON: No objection.
- MR. SHOOK: No objections.
- 11 JUDGE SIPPEL: Then the document marked as Adams
- 12 18 for identification is received in evidence, the Debtor's
- 13 Disclosure Statement.
- 14 (The document referred to,
- 15 previously identified as Adams
- Exhibit No. 18, was received
- in evidence.)
- 18 THE WITNESS: This is only a partial document that
- 19 we used.
- MR. BECHTEL: That's correct.
- 21 THE WITNESS: Okay.
- MR. BECHTEL: I just wanted to cover the
- 23 management in the document.
- 24 THE WITNESS: Okay.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: This is only going to be relied on

- insofar as it's used in the cross-examination.
- THE WITNESS: I understand. Okay.
- MR. BECHTEL: Next, I will hand to the witness,
- 4 Court and counsel a document that is 16 pages in length
- 5 entitled "Management Services Agreement."
- 6 JUDGE SIPPEL: The reporter will mark this
- 7 document as Adams Exhibit 19 for identification.
- 8 (The document referred to was
- 9 marked for identification as
- 10 Adams Exhibit No. 19.)
- JUDGE SIPPEL: Is there a date on this particular
- 12 document that I can refer to?
- MR. BECHTEL: I'm sorry?
- 14 JUDGE SIPPEL: Is there a date on the document?
- 15 MR. BECHTEL: Yes, I believe there is. Hold on
- 16 one second.
- 17 (Pause.)
- MR. BECHTEL: May 28, 1989, is the date of the
- 19 notary signatures.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: All right, we will work with that
- 21 date for now, dated May 28, 1989. This is Adams Exhibit No.
- 22 19 for identification.
- BY MR. BECHTEL:
- 24 Q Now, I have a question concerning just a couple of
- portions of this exhibit, and if these were subsequently

- 1 modified during the work in process experience, please let
- 2 me know.
- First, I would direct your attention to --
- 4 JUDGE SIPPEL: The witness called it work in
- 5 progress, not process, work in progress.
- 6 MR. BECHTEL: I apologize.
- 7 BY MR. BECHTEL:
- Q I direct you to page 5, where in paragraph 5(a)
- 9 there is a reference to an option for Partel to acquire 25
- 10 percent equity interest.
- Has that provision been, in substance, continued
- throughout the document as it developed?
- 13 A Well, I think you called it an option. I wouldn't
- call it an option. It was a -- it was a provision whereupon
- if we were successful in bringing the company out of
- 16 bankruptcy, that had to happen before there was any stock
- issued, but this provision, I believe, remained intact in
- 18 the agreement in its various forms.
- 19 Q And refer to page 8 --
- 20 A Although I need to go back. The company did not
- 21 receive 25 percent equity at the time we came out of
- 22 bankruptcy. It was actually somewhat reduced because -- I'm
- trying to remember the various reasons, but there were
- 24 several issues that lowered that amount, and then the
- 25 company also received 5.25 percent for the bank, so there

- was a combination that exceeded 25 percent, but the actual
- 2 benefit to the company was less than 25 percent.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: This company that you're referring
- 4 to is identified in the document as Partel, Inc.?
- 5 THE WITNESS: That is correct.
- 6 BY MR. BECHTEL:
- 7 Q In the ownership report that you filed following
- 8 consummation of the notice 323, April 9, 1992, Partel's
- 9 interests were in excess of 25 percent?
- 10 A That's -- again, as I explained, that is
- 11 undoubtedly correct in terms of voting shares of the
- company, but there is a 6.5 or 6.25 percent warranty from
- 13 Partel to the bank that is exercisable for a dollar. So the
- economic benefit to the company was less than 25 percent in
- 15 the end.
- 16 O Except that the total was approximately 31
- percent, so the net was approximately 25 percent; is that
- 18 correct?
- 19 A No, I don't -- I don't believe that that is
- 20 accurate.
- 21 Q I really don't want to mislead the record, and I'm
- operating from my memory, so what I need is a copy of the
- 23 ownership report.
- 24 Can we borrow someone else's volume? I don't
- 25 think ours is here.

- JUDGE SIPPEL: Let's go off the record till we
- 2 locate the document.
- 3 (Discussion off the record.)
- 4 JUDGE SIPPEL: Okay, the witness has the document
- 5 before him. Would you identify for the record what this
- document is now, please, Mr. Bechtel.
- 7 MR. BECHTEL: Yes. We are looking at the
- 8 ownership report bearing an "as of" date of April 9, 1992,
- 9 and we're looking at the listing of the stockholders, and
- under Partel, Inc. the listing showed 29.69 percent, so I am
- 11 to a degree corrected because it dropped six percent off of
- 12 that. Partel's interest is about 24 percent.
- THE WITNESS: 23-something, I think. 6.25, 6.5
- 14 percent.
- BY MR. BECHTEL:
- 16 Q Now, on the preceding page there is a reference to
- 17 STV Reading, Inc. Do you see that?
- 18 A Yes, I do.
- 19 O At that time were you president of STV Reading,
- 20 Inc.?
- 21 A No, I was not.
- Q Did you have an equity interest in it?
- 23 A No, I did not.
- Q When did you resign as president of STV Reading,
- 25 Inc.?

- 1 A I think the day after the second shareholder
- 2 meeting.
- MR. SHOOK: Excuse me. What was that question? I
- 4 didn't catch the question.
- 5 MR. BECHTEL: He said the day after the second
- 6 shareholder meeting.
- 7 MR. SHOOK: No, I heard his answer. I didn't hear
- 8 your question.
- 9 THE WITNESS: When did I resign as STV Reading,
- 10 Inc's president?
- I should say --
- JUDGE SIPPEL: Well, that's all right. You
- 13 answered his question.
- 14 THE WITNESS: Well, I'm not sure I did. That's
- 15 why I was --
- JUDGE SIPPEL: Mr. Bechtel, do you want him to
- 17 answer further?
- BY MR. BECHTEL:
- 19 Q If you have a correction --
- 20 A Yes, yes, I do.
- 21 Q -- of your answer, of course I would want it.
- 22 A For two shareholder meetings, I held myself out as
- 23 president and voted the shares. Subsequent events proved to
- 24 me that, one, I wasn't entitled to vote the shares, and was
- 25 never the president of STV Reading, Inc.

- 1 Q We're now looking at page 8 of Exhibit 19, and
- 2 I've asked you to look at the paragraph --
- 3 A Exhibit 19?
- 4 Q Exhibit 19, the Management Services Agreement.
- 5 A Oh, I'm sorry.
- 6 Q -- the ownership report.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: The ownership report, that was in
- 8 Reading Exhibit 11 for the -- I'm saying that just for the
- 9 record.
- 10 THE WITNESS: You said page 19?
- BY MR. BECHTEL:
- 12 Q On the Management Services Agreement that I just
- put in evidence, or offered to, identified as Exhibit 19.
- 14 A Oh, okay. What page were you --
- 15 Q And now I have asked you to look at page 8.
- 16 A Page 8. I'm sorry.
- 17 Q And there is a paragraph Roman Numeral III.
- 18 A Yes.
- 19 Q And did the substance of that paragraph remain in
- this document as it went through the evolutionary process?
- 21 A Yes, it did.
- 22 (Pause.)
- 23 MR. BECHTEL: I now wish to direct attention of
- the witness, Court and counsel to our exhibit on RBI
- Directors Meeting Minutes. This is in the volume for '89 to

- 1 '90, and it's a meeting of September 13, 1989, and once all
- 2 parties have that before them, I have a question.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: What's the exhibit again?
- 4 MR. BECHTEL: This is RBI Directors Meeting
- 5 Minutes, 1989 1990, page 8.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: Exhibit 14.
- 7 THE WITNESS: Sorry. I --
- JUDGE SIPPEL: Take your time. Take your time,
- 9 Mr. Parker. Be sure you have what he is asking about.
- 10 THE WITNESS: All right, I have the minutes in
- 11 front of me. Is there a specific page?
- 12 MR. BECHTEL: I want to make sure the --
- 13 (Pause.)
- JUDGE SIPPEL: What minute is that that you're
- 15 referring to?
- 16 MR. BECHTEL: Judge, it's page 8 on the volume --
- 17 JUDGE SIPPEL: I have it.
- 18 MR. BECHTEL: -- 1989 to 1990.
- 19 JUDGE SIPPEL: I have it.
- BY MR. BECHTEL:
- 21 Q Now, I'll direct your attention to page 9 of that
- 22 exhibit where there is a discussion of a possibility of a
- 23 sale of the station, and I specifically address your
- attention to paragraph 6 at the bottom of the page.
- 25 A I'm sorry. I don't have a page 9.

- MR. HUTTON: Your Honor, I think --
- 2 MR. BECHTEL: The lower right-hand side.
- MR. HUTTON: Yes, the witness needs to refer to
- 4 the page numbers --
- 5 THE WITNESS: Oh.
- 6 MR. HUTTON: -- on the right-hand.
- 7 THE WITNESS: I see what you are saying. Okay.
- 8 JUDGE SIPPEL: Well, Mr. Sifers can stay with him
- 9 until he gets the page.
- 10 MR. HUTTON: Okay, I think he has it.
- 11 THE WITNESS: I've got it.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: You've got it?
- 13 THE WITNESS: I've got it, Your Honor.
- 14 JUDGE SIPPEL: All right.
- 15 THE WITNESS: I didn't see --
- JUDGE SIPPEL: This is all Adams Exhibit 14 for
- 17 identification.
- 18 THE WITNESS: Okay.
- 19 JUDGE SIPPEL: This is part of that package.
- THE WITNESS: Okay. I'm sorry. I lost track of
- 21 your question.
- BY MR. BECHTEL:
- Q My question is, it's true, is it not, that as of
- 24 the date of this meeting, which is September 13, 1989, the
- so-called quarter of a million dollar Golden Parachute

1	provision in the Management Services Agreement was regarded
2	as an offer to Reading Broadcasting?
3	A That's correct.
4	(Pause.)
5	MR. BECHTEL: We're done with that.
6	I want to distribute
7	JUDGE SIPPEL: That still hasn't been received in
8	evidence. Do you have any intention of moving it in at this
9	time? Adams 14 was identified.
10	MR. BECHTEL: I understand that, sir. I was
11	planning to introduce all of those minutes in evidence at a
12	certain time. But I thought perhaps as we went through the
13	day, the value of the whole body of evidence would be
14	JUDGE SIPPEL: That's fine. That's fine.
15	MR. BECHTEL: But I appreciate that.
16	This document that I am to distribute starts with
17	a cover sheet under the In the United States Bankruptcy
18	Court for the Eastern District of Columbia, a Debtor's
19	Amended Sixth Modification, et cetera, is the caption, and
20	it runs nine pages in length, and I would ask that this be

JUDGE SIPPEL: The document will be marked by the reporter when she receives it as Adams Exhibit 20 for identification.

marked for identification as Adams Exhibit 20.

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(The document referred to was

Ţ	marked for identification as
2	Adams Exhibit No. 20.)
3	MR. COLE: Your Honor, while Mr. Bechtel is
4	distributing that, I think the record might be clarified. I
5	believe he misspoke when the caption was indicated to be the
6	District of Columbia. I believe the caption is District of
7	Pennsylvania.
8	JUDGE SIPPEL: I see it, yes. United States
9	Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.
10	Thank you, Mr. Cole.
11	BY MR. BECHTEL:
12	Q The purpose of this offer is a very simple one. I
13	wanted to fix in my own head after the years of work and
14	number of documents which I do not purport to understand in
15	detail, there came an effective date of the court-approved
16	plan. And if I go to the second page following this cover
17	sheet, it states, "Effective date of the plan, September 17,
18	1991."
L9	My question is, was that the effective date of the
20	plan?
21	A Yes, it was.
22	JUDGE SIPPEL: What's that date again?
23	THE WITNESS: September 17
24	MR. BECHTEL: September 17, 1991.
25	I move Exhibit 20 in evidence.

- 1 JUDGE SIPPEL: Any objection?
- MR. HUTTON: Yes, I object on the grounds of
- 3 relevance.
- 4 JUDGE SIPPEL: Do you want to make a short
- 5 proffer, Mr. Bechtel?
- 6 MR. HUTTON: Relevance.
- 7 MR. BECHTEL: I just described it. It's the only
- 8 purpose I have put it in evidence.
- 9 JUDGE SIPPEL: To show that it was final -- the
- 10 final version or the final modification?
- MR. BECHTEL: I described it as a document which
- shows that the effective date of the plan was September 17,
- 13 1991. That's the purpose.
- 14 JUDGE SIPPEL: Well, he wants to know what
- relevance it has to the issue in the case. That's what
- 16 Mr. Hutton is asking for.
- MR. BECHTEL: It's part of the factual mosaic,
- 18 Mr. Parker's role before the Bankruptcy Court, the
- 19 conclusion of that, and then the implementation of the
- 20 bankruptcy plan and the number of events that transpired as
- 21 we go through a number of the exhibits. I just wanted to
- 22 start there, that's all.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: You are claiming credit,
- 24 Mr. Hutton, for Mr. Parker succeeding in taking this
- company, among others, out of bankruptcy; isn't that

- 1 correct?
- MR. HUTTON: We are, Your Honor, but that doesn't
- mean we have to introduce the record of the bankruptcy
- 4 proceeding into this case.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: Well, it doesn't mean that we have
- 6 to. I understand that. But it certainly is relevant
- 7 information and it's not burdensome to the record. I would
- 8 prefer to take it in that way than to have the witness
- 9 testify to it.
- 10 MR. HUTTON: Well, it's my position that the
- so-called factual mosaic doesn't add up to anything that's
- relevant to the license renewal for WTVE, and I'm going to
- object to the introduction of this and the rest of the
- 14 factual mosaic.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: Well, now that we are forewarned,
- let me ask Mr. Shook for the Bureau's position on this, just
- 17 this exhibit.
- MR. SHOOK: Your Honor, I can understand
- 19 Mr. Hutton's objection to this page. It may be that the
- 20 painting that Mr. Bechtel wants to complete is not -- there
- is not enough of it on the canvas yet for all of us to
- 22 understand quite where this is going. It could well be that
- this is very relevant. To me, though, at this stage, it's
- 24 not clear why.
- 25 JUDGE SIPPEL: Now, at what stage is this -- is

- the nature of this exhibit -- you object to it being
- 2 introduced into evidence? Has there been a motion to
- 3 introduce it into evidence yet?
- 4 MR. HUTTON: Yes, there was.
- 5 MR. BECHTEL: May I be heard?
- 6 JUDGE SIPPEL: Well, you will notice that I am
- 7 carefully keeping away from this portrait-taking analogy,
- 8 but I will listen to one more point on this and then I'm
- 9 going to rule.
- MR. BECHTEL: I'm happy to withdraw everything
- 11 except the passage which says the effective date in
- 12 September 17th. I don't think the rest of it is going to
- 13 be a hill of beans, but if it does become relevant, then
- 14 I'll -- it's been identified and it's in the record, and
- 15 I'll come back and identify what I want to, what I think is
- 16 relevant.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: Well, I'm prepared at this time to
- 18 overrule the objection. I understand there may be more here
- 19 than we need to see in this document, but I think for
- 20 completion purposes of the document, it is not -- it is not
- 21 overly burdensome for this record in terms of the number of
- 22 pages, and it has been identified as being a source of an
- effective date of the final modification to the plan, and
- 24 that's a -- I think that will be a help, at least in terms
- of factually accounting for what's happened with the

- 1 bankruptcy issue -- not the issue, but the bankruptcy facet
- 2 of the testimony.
- But I understand your objection, Mr. Hutton. I
- 4 will have a continuing objection on relevancy grounds. I am
- 5 going to overrule the objection and receive Adams Exhibit 20
- 6 into evidence at this time.
- 7 (The document referred to,
- 8 previously identified as Adams
- 9 Exhibit No. 20, was received
- in evidence.)
- 11 MR. BECHTEL: I now direct the attention of all
- parties and the Court to Adams Exhibit 15, which are minutes
- of the meeting of the directors, 1991 to 1995. Exhibit 15,
- turn to page 72 of that exhibit where you will find minutes
- 15 of a meeting of July 31, 1991.
- 16 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 17 JUDGE SIPPEL: I'm sorry. What page is that
- 18 again?
- MR. BECHTEL: Page 72.
- 20 JUDGE SIPPEL: July 31, 1991. I have that. Thank
- 21 you.
- MR. BECHTEL: Go to the next page, which would be
- page 73 of the exhibit, page 2 of the minutes, and I address
- the attention of all concerned to the second full paragraph
- commencing, "Micheal Parker opened the meeting with a

1	discussion."
2	JUDGE SIPPEL: Do you see that, Mr. Parker?
3	THE WITNESS: Yes, I do.
4	BY MR. BECHTEL:
5	Q And it's true, is it not, that you conducted the
6	discussion that is described in these minutes?
7	A That is correct.
8	MR. BECHTEL: With the request that it be marked
9	for identification as Adams Exhibit 21, I am handing out an
10	FCC Form 216 bearing an FCC file number of BTCCT-910814KE,
11	and there follows Exhibits 1, 2, 3, and the very last page
12	is a copy of a paycheck co-signed by Barbara Willliamson and
13	George Mattmiller, and the total package by my count is 17
14	pages. Thank you, sir.
15	(The document referred to was
16	marked for identification as
17	Adams Exhibit No. 21.)
18	(Pause.)
19	BY MR. BECHTEL:
20	Q And my question to you, Mr. Parker, is: Is this
21	the application that was prepared and filed with the FCC to
22	which you made reference in the meeting of the board of
23	directors, the minutes of which we just looked at?
24	MR. HUTTON: I'm going to object based on lack of
25	foundation. If you want to excuse the witness, we can, but

- I don't see a reference to an application in the directors'
- 2 minutes that Mr. Bechtel has referred to.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: Well, let's see what the witness
- 4 can do. It's a fact question on what may or may not be in
- 5 the document. Let's see what the witness can do with the
- 6 question.
- 7 MR. BECHTEL: Well, in response to that argument,
- 8 maybe my bifocals were out of whack, but the paragraph
- 9 reads, "Micheal Parker opened the meeting with a discussion
- of the filing that was required with the FCC, transferring
- 11 from a debtor of possession position to new ownership. He
- 12 stated that the status of the stock held by Henry M.
- Aurandt, M.D., was still unresolved. He stated that he was
- 14 going to file the amount of the stock held by Dr. Aurandt in
- 15 the Plan of Organization with the FCC. He stated that as
- long as there wasn't an ownership transfer amounting to more
- 17 than 50 percent of the stock, the terms will meet with the
- 18 approval of the FCC."
- 19 And it seems to me that that's a clear reference
- 20 to a filing of an application with the FCC, and I'm asking
- 21 the witness is this the application.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: So I'm going to reserve on the
- 23 objection because I don't think that the witness has not
- 24 answered -- maybe we need a foundation question. The
- 25 question speaks for itself, so I am going to permit -- if

- the witness can answer that -- we're just simply identifying
- 2 a document is what we are doing.
- MR. HUTTON: I understand that, Your Honor, but
- 4 the way the question was framed, it sounds to me as if it
- 5 was implying that the application had already been filed
- 6 when in fact the application was filed after the minutes of
- 7 the meeting.
- 8 JUDGE SIPPEL: Well, you know, the language of the
- 9 minutes will speak for itself. This would be the document.
- 10 If a clarification is needed, we can get it. But I mean,
- let's just try and keep this on level one before we move
- 12 into level two.
- MR. BECHTEL: Judge, I read the FCC file number
- 14 that shows it was filed on August 14th, after the meeting.
- 15 JUDGE SIPPEL: All right.
- MR. HUTTON: I think you assumed that the witness
- 17 understood how to read FCC file numbers, and I'm not sure
- 18 that's the case.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: Well, he can say that. I mean, if
- 20 he doesn't understand something, he can say that.
- 21 MR. HUTTON: I understand, Your Honor, but I was
- just objecting on grounds of foundation. Now that it's been
- 23 clarified, I have no objection.
- 24 JUDGE SIPPEL: Thank you. All right.
- Would you give me the page number to that minute

- 1 again, please, sir.
- MR. BECHTEL: Yes, sir. It's page 72, is the page
- of the minutes, and the page we are reading from is page 73,
- 4 Exhibit 15.
- 5 JUDGE SIPPEL: You can answer the question.
- 6 (Pause.)
- 7 THE WITNESS: To answer your question, it appears
- 8 that this is part of the application. This is not -- I am
- 9 not an expert on this but the exhibits are here but I don't
- see the -- unless there is only a one-page entry and
- 11 everything else is exhibits. I'm not sure that this is a
- 12 complete application.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: Well, was it meant to be? This is
- 14 a cross-examination document that Mr. Bechtel prepared for
- 15 cross-examination.
- 16 THE WITNESS: I think the question to me, Your
- 17 Honor, was whether this was the application.
- 18 JUDGE SIPPEL: It was. I'm not arguing. No, you
- 19 are responding. I want to see if there is a way of getting
- 20 clarification.
- 21 MR. BECHTEL: I agree with you, Mr. Parker. There
- 22 should be another page. There should be a second page.
- THE WITNESS: Okay.
- MR. BECHTEL: I don't know why it's not attached.
- We will try to get it.

1	THE WITNESS: Okay. I would think you are correct
2	in terms of this is part of a document that undoubtedly was
3	filed on the 14th of August.
4	MR. BECHTEL: Thank you, sir.
5	(Pause.)
6	MR. BECHTEL: I would ask that Adams Exhibit 22 be
7	placed upon a one-page letter dated October 22, 1991 to the
8	Federal Communications Commission by Ms. Paula Friedman.
9	JUDGE SIPPEL: This one-page document will be
10	marked as Adams Exhibit 22 for identification.
11	(The document referred to was
12	marked for identification as
13	Adams Exhibit No. 22.)
14	MR. BECHTEL: The purpose of the offer of this
15	exhibit the identification and offer of this exhibit is
16	to reflect that the application was granted on August 27,
17	1991, and by this letter, Ms. Friedman asked for an
18	extension of time to consummate the transfer of control, one
19	additional 60 days, stating the reasons therefore.
20	I have no questions for this witness regarding the
21	exhibit and I offer it in evidence.
22	JUDGE SIPPEL: Any objection?
23	MR. HUTTON: Yes, objection; grounds of relevance.
24	JUDGE SIPPEL: I take it you're based the
25	relevance as you indicated earlier with respect to the

earlier exhibit, the bankruptcy filing? MR. BECHTEL: I'm trying to establish a tra what happened.	il of
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3 what happened.	
4 JUDGE SIPPEL: Mr. Shook?	
5 MR. SHOOK: No objection.	
6 JUDGE SIPPEL: I'm going to overrule the ob	jection
7 and receive it into evidence.	
8 (The document referred	to,
9 previously identified as	s Adams
Exhibit No. 22, was rece	eived
in evidence.)	
MR. BECHTEL: And I ask that Adams Exhibit 2	23 be
affixed to a one-page letter dated November 13, 1991,	to
Ms. Friedman from our good friend, Mr. Pendarvis, of	the
15 FCC.	
JUDGE SIPPEL: This is a one-page document t	to be
marked for identification as Adams Exhibit 23. It's o	dated
November 13, 1991, one page, a one-page letter.	
(The document referred t	co was
marked for identification	on as
Adams Exhibit No. 23.)	
MR. BECHTEL: The purpose of this exhibit is	s to
reflect that Mr. Pendarvis granted the requested exter	ısion

of time to consummate the transfer of control, and I move

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its admission.

1	JUDGE SIPPEL: Same objection?
2	MR. HUTTON: Yes, Your Honor.
3	JUDGE SIPPEL: Mr. Shook?
4	MR. SHOOK: None.
5	JUDGE SIPPEL: The objection is overruled. It's
6	received as Adams Exhibit 23.
7	(The document referred to,
8	previously identified as Adams
9	Exhibit No. 23, was received
10	in evidence.)
11	JUDGE SIPPEL: My ruling will be the same with
12	respect to Exhibit 22 if that has not been moved. That's
13	the other letter from Paula Friedman. Maybe I did rule on
14	that.
15	Have you moved Paula Friedman into evidence?
16	MR. BECHTEL: I think I did, yes, sir.
17	JUDGE SIPPEL: I'm taking I know there is going
18	to be the same objection, but I just want to be sure that
19	the record is clear.
20	(The document referred to,
21	previously identified as Adams
22	Exhibit No. 21, was received
23	in evidence.)
24	MR. BECHTEL: Adams Exhibit 24, I distribute a
25	document consisting of a bunch of certificates, and while
	Heritage Reporting Corporation (202) 628-4888

- 1 this has not been numbered in a conventional way, the
- 2 certificate numbers start 1-A and go to --
- JUDGE SIPPEL: Stock certificates?
- 4 MR. BECHTEL: Well, they are stubs for stock
- 5 certificates. They appear to be stubs for stock
- 6 certificates, from 1-A to 50-A. I ask that this be marked
- 7 as Adams Exhibit 24.
- 8 JUDGE SIPPEL: The reporter will mark that
- 9 document as Adams 24 for identification.
- 10 (The document referred to was
- 11 marked for identification as
- 12 Adams Exhibit No. 24.)
- BY MR. BECHTEL:
- 14 Q Mr. Parker, my experience as a stock transfer
- 15 agent is limited. It appears to me that the top part of the
- 16 certificate reflects an issue of shares of stock in Reading
- 17 Broadcasting, Inc. on October 15, 1991; is that accurate?
- 18 A No, that is not accurate.
- 19 Q Then please tell me what is accurate.
- 20 A If you start down any one of these certificates,
- 21 as I read it, it says it was issued -- let's take the first
- 22 certificate, since that's Partel, Inc. It was dated
- 23 December 31, 1991.
- Q I'm sorry. I said the top part.
- 25 A Hmmm?

- 1 Q I said the top part of this. I asked you about
- 2 the top part of the certificate.
- A And you asked me if it was October 15, 1991, and
- 4 that's incorrect. It's December 31, 1991.
- Okay. I'm sorry. I interrupted you. Please
- 6 continue.
- 7 A Well, if you look down, it was issued to Partel,
- 8 dated December 31, 1991, and it was transferred from Partel
- 9 and it says "Correction of original certificate."
- Now, in this case --
- JUDGE SIPPEL: What does the next line say about
- 12 the date, though?
- 13 THE WITNESS: Well, in other words, it was -- the
- original certificate that this one is correcting was dated
- October 15, 1991. The new certificate is dated December 31,
- 16 1991.
- 17 I would have to go back and look at the original
- 18 certificate to see what changed, but I do note here Meridian
- 19 Bank, and there was a requirement under the bankruptcy plan
- 20 and reorganization that all of the certificates have a
- 21 legend on them, and these may be the legended certificates,
- 22 because I note the date is the identical date that I signed
- the agreements with Meridian Bank.
- BY MR. BECHTEL:
- 25 Q In effect, a pledge is on it?

1	A Well, the plan of reorganization which you
2	introduced, it was one of the exhibits that or the
3	amended plan that you introduced as one of your exhibits as
4	extensive provisions with regard to Meridian Bank, those
5	provisions took months to negotiate and complete, and they
6	culminated on December 31, 1991, and I'm assuming that the
7	bank required reissuance of the certificates with the stock
8	legend that we had agreed to on them on that date. That
9	would be my best recollection.
10	I didn't do anything that day other than sit in
11	the bank board room and sign documents, so I'm assuming that
12	the share certificates that originally were issued on
13	October 15th had to be reissued and new certificates because
14	of the bank's legend.
15	Q The bank was getting a security interest, not fee,
16	simply ownership at the time?
17	A That is correct, but every stock certificate of
18	Reading Broadcasting has a legend on the back of it which in
19	effect pledges that certificate as part of the plan of
20	reorganization in the event of a default to the bank, and
21	this was the culmination of that.
22	Q Now, go back to the October 15th date, 1991.
23	A Yes.

date when the initial issues of stock followed the effective

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It's true, is it not, that October 15th was the

1	date of the plan of organization?
2	A I believe that is correct.
3	MR. BECHTEL: I move this exhibit into evidence.
4	JUDGE SIPPEL: Same objection?
5	MR. HUTTON: Yes, Your Honor.
6	JUDGE SIPPEL: Mr. Shook?
7	MR. SHOOK: None.
8	JUDGE SIPPEL: Overruled. It's received as
9	Adams 24.
10	(The document referred to,
11	previously identified as Adams
12	Exhibit No. 24, was received
13	in evidence.)
14	MR. BECHTEL: Marking for identification as Adams
15	Exhibit 25 a letter dated October 25, 1991, to the
16	shareholders of Reading Broadcasting, Inc. from Mr. Parker,
17	one page. There is enclosed a two-page Notice of Special
18	Meeting of Shareholders, and a one-page proxy.
19	JUDGE SIPPEL: Okay, the reporter upon
20	receiving that document, it will be marked by the reporter
21	as Adams Exhibit 25 for identification.
22	(The document referred to was
23	marked for identification as
24	Adams Exhibit No. 25.)
25	(Pause.)

- 1 BY MR. BECHTEL:
- 2 Q At the point in time when this letter was issued,
- 3 Mr. Parker -- let me try that again.
- 4 When you issued this letter as president and
- 5 signed it as president, you were doing so as president of
- 6 Partel, Inc. rather than Reading Broadcasting, Inc., were
- 7 you not?
- 8 A That's what it says, "As president of Partel,
- 9 Inc., I am notifying you that a special meeting of
- shareholders of Reading Broadcasting, Inc. will be held at
- 11 6:00 p.m. on October 30, 1991."
- 12 Q Well, forgive me for asking a question that was
- answered in the document. Sometimes lawyers do this kind of
- 14 thing.
- 15 And it's true, is it not, that Partel, Inc. has
- 16 the capacity to issue a notice of the special meeting
- 17 because it was a stockholder of Reading Broadcasting
- 18 Company; is that correct?
- 19 A That is correct.
- 20 Q Now, I notice that you -- I observed that you
- 21 noticed the meeting on five-day notice which appears to be
- 22 rather short, but I gather it's in strict keeping with the
- 23 bylaws or something?
- 24 A That is correct.
- MR. BECHTEL: I move to have Exhibit 25 admitted.

1	TUDGE CIDDEL. Come objection?
	JUDGE SIPPEL: Same objection?
2	MR. HUTTON: Yes, Your Honor.
3	JUDGE SIPPEL: Mr. Shook?
4	MR. SHOOK: No objection.
5	JUDGE SIPPEL: Okay. Adams 25 for identification
6	is received at this time as Adams 25.
7	(The document referred to,
8	previously identified as Adams
9	Exhibit No. 25, was received
10	in evidence.)
11	MR. BECHTEL: Bear with me one second, Judge.
12	JUDGE SIPPEL: Yes, sir.
13	Go off the record for a minute.
14	(Discussion off the record.)
15	JUDGE SIPPEL: Go ahead.
16	MR. BECHTEL: I am handing to the witness, Court
17	and counsel Minutes of a Meeting of Shareholders on October
18	30, 1991, which are 33 pages in length. These are identical
19	to pages 38 through 73 of the minutes reflected in Our
20	Exhibit 13, Minutes of Shareholders. The more legible
21	version that I'm handing out now will in due course be
22	substituted for the less readable version in our Exhibit 13.
23	JUDGE SIPPEL: All right. Counsel, you may
24	proceed and show what you have to the witness, and we will
25	have to mark this then as well, this is going to be

- 1 inserted into 13 as opposed to being substituted for 13; is
- 2 that correct?
- JUDGE SIPPEL: Yes.
- 4 JUDGE SIPPEL: Mechanically, that's what you want
- 5 to do, right? You want to insert these pages into 13 and
- 6 take the old ones out. You're not going to just -- you
- 7 don't have a new 13 to swap?
- 8 MR. BECHTEL: That's correct.
- 9 JUDGE SIPPEL: Okay. Let's call this 13A so we
- 10 have a number for it.
- 11 (The document referred to was
- marked for identification as
- 13 Adams Exhibit No. 13A and
- 14 received in evidence.)
- 15 JUDGE SIPPEL: And then without objection,
- Mr. Bechtel, you will have until after the lunch break to
- 17 oversee the substitution of these pages in Exhibit 13.
- MR. BECHTEL: Yes, sir.
- 19 JUDGE SIPPEL: And you can discard the old
- 20 unreadable pages.
- 21 (Pause.)
- BY MR. BECHTEL:
- 23 Q I direct your attention to page 8 of Exhibit 13.
- 24 A Is that the actual page 8? My copy doesn't have
- 25 any numbers on it.

- 1 0 It doesn't?
- 2 A Well, on the side like your other exhibits are.
- 3 Q No, no, it's the actual page 3 down at the bottom.
- 4 A Okay, I gotcha.
- Okay. Now, I'm referring you to the bottom part
- of that page and asking, it's true, is it not, that the
- 7 order of business was to remove all members of the board?
- 8 A Yes, that was item number two on the notice of
- 9 special meeting of shareholders of Reading Broadcasting,
- 10 Inc.
- 11 Q Then if you turn to the next page, four or five
- lines down from the top, the order of business was that
- there will be five positions on the board of directors.
- 14 A That is correct.
- 15 Q Then if you go down the line, you opened the
- 16 nominations in about the middle of the page. You nominated
- 17 Dr. Clymer; is that correct?
- 18 A That is correct.
- 19 Q How had you known Dr. Clymer?
- 20 A Dr. Clymer was, I think, a life-long resident of
- 21 Reading, a neurologist, retired, who was one of the original
- investors in Reading Broadcasting. He had been on the
- 23 bank -- boards of several banks in the community.
- 24 He was a shareholder at the time I came to
- 25 Reading. I knew him in that capacity, and I would say this.

- 1 He was probably, by the other doctors in the group -- and
- this was a group, Reading Broadcasting, primarily a group of
- 3 doctors and lawyers -- and he was the most respected member
- 4 of the doctors group.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: In what capacity? As a business
- 6 person or as a physician?
- 7 THE WITNESS: Both. He probably had 50 IQ points
- 8 on all the other people in the group.
- 9 BY MR. BECHTEL:
- 10 Q On the same page toward the bottom it was you who
- 11 nominated Reverend Frank McCracken; is that correct?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q How did you know Mr. McCracken?
- 14 A Mr. McCracken was the leader of the largest
- 15 Afro-American church in Reading. He was the pastor of that
- 16 church. He was the -- I think they called him executive
- director, but he clearly was the head of the Police Athletic
- 18 League, which I believe you compare it to like a boys club.
- 19 Kids go there after school, basketball, a lot of other
- 20 activities.
- 21 And he was very involved in the community. I was
- introduced to him by, I believe, one of the -- one of the
- 23 staff people at the station introduced me to Reverend
- 24 McCracken -- and a very highly respected member of the
- 25 community.

- 1 Q Top of the next page, you nominated Judge Rose.
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q How did you come to know Judge Rose?
- 4 A Well, Judge Rose was at the time a senior
- 5 municipal court judge in Philadelphia. After you reach the
- 6 age of retirement in Pennsylvania, if you are a senior
- 7 judge, you are appointed by the sitting judges to hear cases
- 8 like any other judge does, but you don't have to stand for
- 9 election anymore.
- 10 And I met Judge Rose, he and his wife sat next to
- me on a trip. They were flying back from Alaska, came to
- 12 Seattle and got on a plane for Pennsylvania, to
- 13 Philadelphia, and I sat next to them on the plane and met
- 14 them, and Judge Rose took an interest in Reading
- 15 Broadcasting and in fact had assisted Reading Broadcasting
- in coming out of bankruptcy. He more or less gave us the
- 17 quidance on how best to deal with our tower situation, is
- 18 probably the most significant contribution he made.
- 19 Q And he gave you some insight into Philadelphia for
- 20 you --
- 21 A Oh, Reading, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania is -- he
- comes from an old Pennsylvania family that's very involved.
- 23 His brother had been on the city council in Philadelphia and
- 24 they were very involved. They owned property throughout the
- 25 area.

- 1 Q Had you and he become close friends and
- 2 socialized?
- A I would say that, no. He and I would be -- we are
- 4 close friends now at this juncture. He was more of an
- 5 associate who was interested in what we were doing.
- 6 MR. BECHTEL: Bear with me one second, Judge.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: Sure. Let's go off the record for
- 8 a minute.
- 9 (Discussion off the record.)
- BY MR. BECHTEL:
- 11 Q Did you sign your deposition, Mr. Parker?
- 12 A I think I'm still -- still reading it, but I
- haven't found any major mistakes.
- 14 Q Do you know that it's your duty to sign your
- 15 deposition?
- 16 A Oh, I'll --
- 17 (Pause.)
- JUDGE SIPPEL: Before you go on, Mr. Bechtel, it's
- 19 11:00. I was wondering -- the witness has been on the stand
- since 9:30. Do you want to take a short break?
- MR. BECHTEL: Yes, sir.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: And then we'll come back at a
- 23 guarter after 11, and we'll finish up at 12 noon and come
- 24 back at 1:30? Does that schedule permit the completion of
- 25 his testimony today as far as everybody is concerned?

- 1 MR. BECHTEL: I'm moving along as fast as I had
- 2 hoped.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: Okay. Well, let's take it one step
- 4 at a time.
- Before I shot off here, I want to say that my
- 6 instruction with respect to this 13A, that is, the
- 7 substituted pages 38 to 73, take the time, if you would,
- 8 Mr. Bechtel, to have those numbers reprinted on the copies
- 9 that are going to be substituted. So before we complete
- 10 this week, that is put back into Exhibit 13 so that
- 11 everything is in place with a number.
- MR. BECHTEL: Exactly.
- JUDGE SIPPEL: Follow? But do keep Exhibit 13A
- 14 with the reporter as a separate exhibit so that it's
- understood what we are talking about.
- MR. BECHTEL: Okav.
- 17 JUDGE SIPPEL: And that's it.
- MR. COLE: Your Honor, on that score, because I'm
- 19 the one who usually handles the administrative aspects of
- this process, would it be suitable to have the substituted
- 21 pages, number 38A through 73A, so that we will be able to
- see them and then place those numbers into the old 13; that
- 23 if we are looking through 13, we will be able to determine
- 24 which ones were the substitute pages?
- 25 JUDGE SIPPEL: Makes sense. Good idea.